

Journeying Through the Book of Romans

Season 5: God's Purpose for All Things

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Scripture

- **Romans 8: 22-30**

For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body. For in hope, we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it. In the same way also, the Spirit helps our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren. .For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son and these whom He predestined, He also called, and these whom He called, He also justified, and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

Other Scriptures

- I Corinthians 13:13
- Matthew 21:21
- Jeremiah 1:5

Main Points

- Faith is for the Now, but Hope is for the Future!
- Faith is the confidence of God's presence now; Hope is the anticipation for what God will do.

Discussion Questions

1. What is true of the whole of creation?
2. What is the difference between faith and hope?
3. How do faith and hope work together?
4. If no one else is praying for you, who is praying the will of God for you? Does this cause you to marvel?
5. In your own words, explain what Romans 8:28 really means.
6. What has He predestined us for? What is it like to be conformed to Jesus?
7. What should be our response to these things?